



**E**ach year the State Bar of California offers attorneys in California an opportunity to contribute to the legal profession and the public by volunteering to serve on one of the State Bar's committees. This year the State Bar is recruiting applicants for 15 standing committees, 16 section executive committees, and 13 special committees, boards and commissions. The State Bar's Board of Governors appoints approximately 150-200 new members every year and strives to make appointments that will achieve diversity and broad representation.

### ***The Appointment Process***

The participation of all State Bar members is encouraged. From time to time, the board may appoint public members (i.e., representatives of other professions, members of the public, or attorneys who are not admitted in California). The State Bar does not discriminate against persons on the basis of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS) or mental disability, medical condition (cancer), age (over 40), marital status, denial of family care leave, political affiliation, sexual orientation, disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran status.

**Eligibility / Appointment Policies.** Applicants may apply to a maximum of three committees but can be appointed to only one committee. In no case shall the board appoint a person who is subject to disciplinary probation. Factors that militate **against** appointment, but weighed among other factors, include: 1) if a lawyer appointment, whether there is any public information known to the State Bar about the applicant or a record of public discipline imposed; 2) whether any other member of applicant's firm is on the entity; and 3) whether the applicant previously served on the entity. Applicants to a **section executive committee** must be members of that section in order to be eligible for appointment; the level of the applicant's involvement in the section's activities is also a factor taken into consideration.

**Appointment Term.** Members generally serve three-year terms. A few committees have two or four-year terms. On occasion, the board may appoint a member to an unexpired vacancy (i.e., the appointee serves only the remaining portion of the term of the member who resigned). The State Bar's committee year runs from Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting. The committee year for 2005-2006 starts at the close of the 2005 State Bar Annual Meeting (September 11, 2005) and ends at the close of the 2006 State Bar Annual Meeting (October 8, 2006). The new 2005-2006 terms commence at the close of the 2005 State Bar Annual Meeting (September 11).

#### ***Time Commitment and Committee Service.***

Committees differ in the number of meetings scheduled in a year, but a typical meeting requires two to four hours' preparation and lasts four to six hours. In general, the meeting locations tend to alternate between San Francisco and Los Angeles, and some meetings may be conducted by conference call. An additional time commitment may be required for special tasks and projects. Committee members take an oath of office and receive no compensation for services. Committee members may be reimbursed for approved travel expenses in accordance with the State Bar's travel policy and the committee's budget.

**Application Filing.** All applications, including letters of recommendation, must be submitted to the Appointments Office. The deadline for receipt of the applications is **February 1, 2005**.

**Application Review and Board Appointments.** The committees review the appointment applications in the spring and forward their recommendations for appointment to the Board of Governors' designated appointments committee (COMBAR's Subcommittee on Volunteer Involvement). The COMBAR Subcommittee on Volunteer Involvement, upon consultation with committee chairs and other authorized review groups, will consider the appointments between May and July, and forwards its recommendations to the Board of Governors for consideration, usually at the July meeting. The ultimate authority to make appointments rests with the Board of Governors.

**Notification.** Applicants normally are notified of the board's appointments as early as possible following the board's July meeting so that new members can participate in the State Bar's Annual Meeting. Any applicant who does not receive notification by the last day of the State Bar Annual Meeting (September 11, 2005) should contact the Appointments Office. Applications of those not selected will be kept on file for consideration for appointment to fill vacancies that may arise during the committee year.

### *Standing Committees*

A standing committee is created or maintained if its primary purpose is to advise and serve the board with regard to an enduring concern that relates to the administration of justice or that affects the profession at large.

**Committee on Administration of Justice.** This committee studies and reports recommendations on proposed changes in civil procedure, court rules and administration, rules of evidence, and other matters having an impact on the administration of justice in the civil courts. Much of the committee's work consists of in-depth evaluations of, and occasional preparation of amendments to, proposed court rules and state legislation. The committee also reviews California Law Revision Commission's studies and proposals of the California Judicial Council related to civil justice. Committee members prepare court rules and affirmative legislative proposals. The committee is currently divided into a northern California section and a southern California section. The entire Committee (north and south) normally meets once per month. Although members are encouraged to attend meetings in person when possible, all meetings are held via telephone conference call, which means that members who cannot appear in person may attend via telephone. Applicants must have a minimum of three years in practice and experience in the civil practice field. As committee communications are conducted electronically, each member must have an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Attorneys from all parts of California who meet these requirements and make the time commitment are encouraged to apply.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 5 north; 6 south

*Meetings/year:* 12

*Chair:* Jennifer Brockett, LA (213) 633-6860

*Vice Chair:* Timothy Moppin, SF (415) 371-2260

*Staff:* Saul Bercovitch (415) 538-2306

**Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution.** This committee analyzes and comments on proposals relating to alternative dispute resolution, drafts proposals relating to alternative dispute resolution for consideration by the Board of Governors, identifies issues concerning the relationship of ADR to the practice of law, the administration of justice and improving access to justice, plans and administers educational programs relating to alternative dispute resolution, and encourages attorneys involved in alternative dispute resolution to become active participants in the State Bar. The committee is composed of a diverse group of practitioners and other persons with expertise or an interest in ADR.

*Expected 2004-2005 vacancies:* 4

*Meetings/year:* 6

*Chair:* Robert I. Spiro, Los Angeles (310) 235-2468

*Staff:* Saul Bercovitch (415) 538-2306

**Committee on Appellate Courts.** This committee reviews proposed changes to the rules of court affecting appellate courts; reviews and comments on proposed legislation affecting appellate court operation and appellate practice; and may initiate legislative and rules proposals in these areas. As an Approved Legal Specialization Provider in the area of Appellate Law, the committee also plans and participates in the presentation of MCLE programs at the State Bar's Annual Meeting. The committee consists of 16 attorneys who may be drawn from such diverse sources as appellate court research staff, defense and prosecution offices handling criminal appeals, law firms, solo practitioners, and law school faculty.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 5

*Meetings/year:* 5

*Chair:* Colin Leis, Los Angeles (213) 830-7367

*Staff:* Saul Bercovitch (415) 538-2306

**Committee of Bar Examiners.** This committee examines applicants through the structure and administration of the First-Year Law Students' Examination; the California Bar Examination; screens applicants for moral character; recommends all qualified applicants to the Calif. Supreme Court for admission to the bar; accredits law schools in California; registers unaccredited and correspondence law schools; and studies and reports on proposed changes in the law and other matters concerning the requirements for admission to practice law in California. The committee is composed of 10 attorneys, including one young lawyer member admitted three years or less before the time of his or her appointment, and nine public members (who must not be members of the State Bar or admitted to practice before any court in the United States). The Governor, the Senate Rules Committee, and the Speaker of the Assembly appoint the public members. The Board of Governors appoints only the attorney members to this committee, and this application is for attorneys only. Attorney applicants must be active members of the State Bar of California, and cannot currently be employed as a law school administrator or professor, or associated with a bar review company.

*Meetings/year:* 9 meetings (one-two days /meeting) plus an equal number of meetings for examination research, structure and grading, subcommittees, meeting preparation, moral character applicant interviews, law school visitations.

*Chair:* John Dodd, Tustin

*Staff:* Gayle Murphy (415) 538-2322

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**Committee on Delivery of Legal Services.** The Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services (SCDLS) identifies, develops, and supports improvement in the delivery of legal services to low-and moderate-income individuals in California; serves as a resource to the Board of Governors on legal services issues and relevant legislation of importance to the State Bar; develops, presents and disseminates educational materials to improve the delivery of legal services; develops liaison relationships with other State Bar entities and groups, including the California Commission on Access to Justice; and works to encourage all California attorneys to participate in the delivery of pro bono legal services to the indigent. The work of the committee is done primarily at the subcommittee level and members actively participate in at least two of the following subcommittees: Appointments/ Nominations; Awards; Education; Legislation; Moderate Income; Pro Bono; and Status Report on the Delivery of Legal Services. The committee seeks attorneys from all practice settings as well as public members with experience in the delivery of legal services to low-and-moderate-income Californians. Members should be prepared to devote a minimum of five hours per month of committee service plus participation in full committee meetings, which are scheduled on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., generally alternating between the State Bar's offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 7

*Meetings/year:* 5 (not including conference calls)

*Chair:* Bonnie Hough, San Francisco (415) 865-7668

*Staff Contact:* Sharon Ngim (415) 538-2267

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**Committee on Ethnic Minority Relations.** This is one of five State Bar Access & Fairness Committees focusing on increasing participation in the profession and in the administration and governance of the State Bar on behalf of attorneys from diverse backgrounds, including women, ethnic minorities, seniors, gay, lesbian, transgender and bisexual attorneys, and attorneys with disabilities. The committee seeks: 1) applicants who have experience in local bar organizations and a proven commitment to working to promote minorities in the legal profession; 2) applicants with knowledge of the practice needs of working attorneys, with the ability to network and build working relationships with attorneys across the state and in national organizations such as the American Bar Association, with ability to fundraise for the committee's activities, and ability to organize subcommittees and projects; and 3) applicants from northern California, from non-profit organizations including those in the areas of gay/ lesbian, legal services, disability and senior law, and from those who work as corporate/in-house counsel.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 2-4

*Meetings/year:* 6 (including teleconferences)

Members should be able to devote a minimum of five hours/ month for subcommittees and other work such as fundraising, planning seminars, representing the committee at local bar associations and law schools, and writing articles for its newsletter *Diversity*.

*Chair:* Eric Brooks, San Francisco (415) 268-6512

*Staff:* Rod Fong (415) 538-2143

*programdevelopment@calbar.ca.gov*

**Committee on Federal Courts.** This committee studies, recommends, and reports on proposed changes in the rules, procedures and practices of the federal courts in California. It works to enhance relations between the State Bar and the federal courts in California and meets with judges and representatives of each of the federal district courts in California to understand the issues of importance to the federal judiciary. The committee seeks attorneys who are knowledgeable in Federal Court practice.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 6

*Meetings/year:* 4

*Chair:* A. Marisa Chun, SF (415) 391-4800

*Staff:* Saul Bercovitch (415) 538-2306

**Committee on Group Insurance Programs (COGIP).**

This committee oversees the State Bar Endorsed Group Insurance Programs that include, life, AD&D, disability, long-term care and workers compensation. COGIP acts as counselor and advisor to the Board of Governors with respect to each of these programs. The committee studies and makes recommendations and/or changes to the existing programs, including carrier and broker evaluation, long-term financial issues, product enhancement, product pricing and design, and related matters. The committee seeks attorneys with experience and expertise in insurance/insurance regulation, in dealing with brokers and carriers, and in understanding insurance policies and business aspects of insurance, or who are familiar with group and/or association plans. Experience and expertise in such matters as loss prevention/competency enhancement, claims handling, underwriting, policy language, and policy provisions and pricing are helpful. In general, the committee strives to insure that the program is philosophically and structurally attuned to the needs of California's attorneys and consumers.

*Expected 2004-2005 vacancies:* 1

*Meetings/year:* 4

*Chair:* Kara Baysinger, SF (415) 882-2475

*Staff:* Raquel Hines (415) 538-2201

**Committee on Legal Professionals with Disabilities**

**(CLPD).** This is one of five State Bar Access & Fairness entities focusing on increasing participation in the profession and in the administration and governance of the State Bar on behalf of attorneys from diverse back-

grounds, including women, ethnic minorities, seniors, gay, lesbian, transgender and bisexual attorneys, and attorneys with disabilities. CLPD works to increase participation of attorneys and legal professionals with disabilities in the administration and governance of the State Bar's programs and activities. The committee seeks applicants who are committed to volunteer activity, who are willing to devote sufficient time to undertake and complete a variety of projects for that purpose, and who have a demonstrated interest in promoting access for persons with disabilities. These projects may include MCLE presentations, writing articles in the Bar Journal, participating in surveys of State Bar membership, engaging in cooperative activities with other access and fairness committees, and any other projects that the committee may undertake from time to time. The applicants must have adequate time and resources to accept responsibility for actively participating in committee projects. Prior experience in specialty bar associations is helpful but not required. The committee seeks applicants, from sole practitioners to attorneys in large firms, from government attorneys to those in non-profit organizations and other professionals, including but not limited to those in the medical profession and health care. The committee also seeks those from law students to law school educators. Selections are also made from applicants who are located geographically throughout the state and have diverse backgrounds and practice areas.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 2-4

*Meetings/year:* 6

*Chair:* Lorraine Woodwork, Goleta (805) 681-0422

*Staff:* Pat Lee (415) 538-2240

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***Committee on Mandatory Fee Arbitration.*** The committee's primary function is to oversee the mandatory attorney-client fee arbitration program established by B & P Code Sections 6200-6206. The committee reviews and comments upon any proposed legislation that may affect either the mandatory fee arbitration program or attorney fee agreements in general. It also makes recommendations to the Board of Governors regarding amendments to the fee arbitration statutes, the State Bar's and local bar associations' Rules of Procedure for Fee Arbitration, and the Guidelines and Minimum Standards for the Operation of Mandatory Fee Arbitration Programs. The committee monitors developments in both substantive and procedural law relating to mandatory fee arbitration, oversees the State Bar's Mandatory Fee Arbitration Department, and is responsible for drafting the State Bar approved sample fee agreements. The committee also conducts continuing education seminars, including fee arbitrator training sessions for fee arbitrators with the local and State Bar programs. The basic time commitment for committee

members is about 12 hours/month in months when meetings occur. Members who speak at educational seminars and arbitrator training programs incur more hours. In addition, members are assigned projects often on a team subcommittee basis, which may require dozens of hours of research, writing and editing. Lawyers and public members experienced in fee arbitration, including arbitrators, chairs, vice chairs and staff administrators from local bar fee arbitration programs, are encouraged to apply.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 7

*Meetings/year:* 7-9 plus special projects

*Chair:* Arne Werchick, Truckee (530) 587-1944

*Staff:* Jill Sperber (415) 538-2023

***Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct (COPRAC).*** This committee addresses matters

involving professional ethics and helps educate and provide guidance to the membership about their ethical duties. The majority of the committee's work consists of: drafting advisory opinions on issues of professional ethics based on questions submitted to the committee or developed by the committee on its own initiative; studying and recommending changes to the Rules of Professional Conduct; and conducting special studies and providing advice to the Board of Governors on professional responsibility. The committee sponsors educational and outreach programs, including an annual ethics symposium, and currently is composed of 15 attorney members, and one public member. In evaluating potential members, the committee uses the following criteria, though no one factor is dispositive: (1) prior experience in the legal ethics field; (2) time and energy to undertake the significant responsibilities of committee membership; (3) writing skills; (4) verbal skills; (5) factors lending diversity to the committee, including diversity based on race, sex, color, national origin and sexual orientation, as well as location and field of practice, years in practice (including status as a California Young Lawyer), and size of firm (if applicable); and (5) prior volunteer experience, particularly involvement in legal and other professional groups. For public members, the committee values the ability to contribute a client perspective to the committee's deliberations. In addition to completing an application form, successful applicants may be required to participate in a personal interview, typically held in March or early April.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 5-6

*Meetings/year:* 10 (2 are two-day meetings)

*Chair:* Ann-Dominique Snyder, La Canada

(818) 790-1510

*Staff:* Lauren McCurdy (415) 538-2107

***Committee on Senior Lawyers.*** This is one of five State Bar Access & Fairness Committees focusing on increasing participation in the profession and in the

administration and governance of the State Bar on behalf of attorneys from diverse backgrounds, including women, ethnic minorities, seniors, gay, lesbian, transgender and bisexual attorneys, and attorneys with disabilities. The charge of this standing committee is to provide information and education on topics of interest to senior lawyers, such as transition of practice, entry and promotion in the legal profession, 'of Counsel' practice arrangements, elder law and the obligations on an attorney when closing a law practice. The committee seeks to provide opportunities for senior lawyers to participate in State Bar governance by recruiting them for this committee, to communicate with each other on practice issues, and to perform public service such as the Emeritus Attorney Pro Bono Program.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 2-4

*Meetings/year:* 3-4

*Chair:* Susannah Convery, Beaumont (951)769-7722

*Staff:* Rodney Low (415) 538-2219

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***Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Discrimination.*** The Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Discrimination (SOGID) is one of five State Bar Access & Fairness Committees focusing on increasing participation in the profession and in the administration and governance of the State Bar on behalf of attorneys from diverse backgrounds, including women, ethnic minorities, seniors, gay, lesbian, transgender and bisexual attorneys, and attorneys with disabilities. This committee works to increase participation in the administration and governance of the State Bar's programs and activities of attorneys who have been underrepresented, particularly attorneys who are gay, lesbian, transgender or bisexual. The committee seeks applicants who have experience in local bar organizations and a proven commitment to working to promote the rights and interests of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender attorneys in the legal profession. The committee also seeks applicants who are committed to volunteer activity and who are willing to devote sufficient time to undertake and complete concrete projects such as MCLE presentations, writing articles, participating in surveys of State Bar membership, engaging in cooperative activities with other access and fairness committees, and other projects that the committee shall undertake. The applicants must have adequate time and resources to actively participate in committee projects. Prior experience in specialty bar associations is helpful. In addition to increasing representation of lawyers from large firms, the committee seeks lawyers who are located geographically throughout the state and who are diverse in their ethnicity, age, experience, practice areas, etc.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 2-4

*Meetings/year:* 6

*Chair:* Eugene Stuart, San Rafael (415) 459-0307

*Staff:* Patricia Lee (415) 538-2240;

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***Committee on State Bar Approved Professional Liability Insurance.*** This committee oversees the State Bar Approved Professional Liability Insurance Program and acts as a counselor and advisor to the Board of Governors with respect to the program. The committee studies and makes recommendations and/ or changes to the existing program, including carrier and broker evaluation, long-term financial issues, product enhancement, product pricing and design, and related matters. The committee also works to reduce the quantity and severity of attorney malpractice claims through attorney loss-prevention and competency education programs, and also has a claims oversight component. In general, the committee strives to insure that the program is philosophically and structurally attuned to the needs of California's attorneys and consumers. Members serve four-year terms and may serve two consecutive terms. Applicants should be attorneys with experience and interest in insurance regulation, professional liability litigation, risk management, law office management and/or other areas related to the work of the committee. Experience and expertise in loss prevention/competency enhancement, claims handling, underwriting, policy language, and policy provisions and pricing are helpful.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 3-5

*Meetings/year:* 5

*Chair:* Carol Kuluva, Los Angeles (213) 612-5335

*Staff:* Raquel Hines (415) 538-2201

***Committee on Women in the Law.*** This is one of five State Bar Access & Fairness Committees of the State Bar. The committee's mission is to serve as a liaison between the State Bar and women attorneys; to identify and encourage women attorneys to become active participants in the Bar's programs; to study and report on the status of women in the legal profession; to produce and present programs and materials to maximize opportunities for women in the administration and governance of the State Bar's programs and activities as well as in the profession as a whole; and to comment and make recommendations to the Board, where requested by the Board or the Executive Director, on proposed court rules or legislation relating to access opportunities for or discrimination against women in the legal profession. The committee seeks applicants who have a demonstrated interest in promoting women in the legal profession, who are committed to volunteer activity, and who are willing to devote sufficient time to undertake and complete projects such as MCLE presentations, organizing presentations and speaking in law schools, working to encourage high school students from underrepresented groups to attend law school, writing articles,

participating in surveys, engaging in cooperative activities with other access and fairness committees, and other projects as needed. Applicants must have adequate time and resources for active participation in committee projects. Prior experience in specialty bar associations is helpful. The committee seeks lawyers who are located geographically throughout the state and who have diverse backgrounds, in ethnicity, race, age, experience, sexual orientation, physical ability, practice areas, etc.  
*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 2-4

*Meetings/year:* 6

*Chair:* Pamela Wagner, San Diego (619) 236-1414

*Staff:* Rodney Low (415) 538-2219

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### **Section Executive Committees**

**S**tate Bar sections address the concerns and interests of a specific segment of the profession. The section executive committee directs the policies and affairs of the section, subject to and in accordance with the section's bylaws, the policies of the Board of Governors, and the *Rules and Regulations of the State Bar*. The executive committee assists the Board of Governors in matters relating to the section and supervises the section's activities such as educational programs, membership communications, publications, and standing or substantive committees.

**Eligibility.** Applicants to a section executive committee **must** be members of that section, and section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. The executive committee generally consists of 15 members who previously have served on the section's standing or substantive committees or otherwise been active in section activities. Each year approximately five positions on each executive committee are available for appointment by the Board of Governors. The board may in its discretion appoint to the executive committee members who have been nominated by the section. Nominations for such appointments may be made by the executive committee acting as a nominating committee or by a petition signed by at least 15 members of the section.

**Appointment to a Section Standing Committee.** The Board of Governors does not make appointments to a section's standing committees. Those interested in applying to serve on a section's standing committee must contact the chair or staff liaison of the section for application information.

**Antitrust and Unfair Competition Section Executive Committee.** This section focuses on developments under the Cartwright, the Unfair Practices Act, and the Unfair Competition Law, section 17200, et. seq. of the B & P Code. The section deals with both private and govern-

ment (federal, state and local) enforcement actions, civil and criminal, and government criminal procedures. It offers MCLE-accredited section programs throughout the year, an annual UCL Conference, an annual Golden State Antitrust and Unfair Competition Law Institute, and an Antitrust Lawyer of the Year Award. The section also publishes Competition Journal periodically and updates its two-volume treatise as appropriate. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, etc. Prior section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet the section's requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding requirements or how to become more involved in the section, please contact the staff administrator or chair.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 5

*Meetings/year:* 1+ monthly conference calls; 1 annual committee in-person weekend retreat; in-person attendance for committee kick-off meeting at annual State Bar meeting; attendance at section educational events encouraged.

*Chair:* Holly House, San Francisco (415) 393-2000

*Staff Contact:* Mitch Wood (415) 538-2286

**Business Law Section Executive Committee.** This executive committee oversees the Business Law Section's educational, legislative, and publishing activities. The section has 15 standing committees and the Business Law News Editorial Board that are actively involved in providing member services and educational activities as well as initiating, developing, drafting California legislation, and commenting upon state and federal legislation and participating in regulatory reform in California. The section focuses on providing services to its members electronically and through the section's Web site. The section also sponsors educational programs and publishes monthly an e-newsletter and quarterly the Business Law News as well as other written materials. Members of the executive committee act as liaisons to the section's standing and ad hoc committees and actively participate in the section's projects. Members are expected to attend regularly the meetings of the executive committee and to handle projects outside of the meetings. Applications from the section's attorney members who have actively participated in its standing committees are strongly encouraged. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet these requirements

and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, please contact the staff administrator or chair.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 6

*Meetings/year:* 12

*Chair:* Suzanne Graeser, Palo Alto (650) 813-5600

*Staff:* Susan Orloff (415) 538-2341

***Criminal Law Section Executive Committee.*** This section engages in a wide range of activities including authoring opinions on criminal justice legislation, presenting educational programs for criminal law practitioners and fostering communication with law students interested in career opportunities in criminal law. The executive committee publishes a newsletter four times a year. The committee is balanced geographically and by nature of the practice with state and federal prosecutors and defense attorneys. Advisors consist of former committee members, including lawyers, judges, and members of the Board of Governors. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, please contact the staff administrator or chair.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 4

*Meetings/year:* 6

*Chair:* Darrell S. Mavis, LA (213) 974-3511

*Staff:* Tom Pye (415) 538-2042

***Environmental Law Section Executive Committee.*** This section provides a statewide forum for the exchange of ideas and knowledge among California environmental lawyers and other professionals in the environmental field. The section covers a broad range of substantive areas of environmental law, including water quality and availability and use, air quality, land use and management, public resources, natural resources, solid waste, hazardous waste, toxic substances, CEQA, endangered species, wetlands, coastal protection and development, environmental justice, and energy. The executive committee includes attorneys from private firms, regulatory agencies, state and local governments, public interest groups, business, and academia. The executive committee comments upon proposed environmental legislation, sponsors numerous MCLE programs of interest and relevance to its membership, and publishes newsletters and other periodicals. The section welcomes applications from attorneys with a background in environmental law. Committee communications are

conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet these requirements and make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding requirements or how to become more involved in the section, please contact the section staff or chair.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 6

*Meetings/year:* 9 + conference calls

*Chair:* Brett Morris, Oakland (510) 622-2176

*Staff:* Ed Bernard (415) 538-2242

***Family Law Section Executive Committee.*** The purpose of the Family Law Section is to further the knowledge of its members in all matters including but not limited to marriage, dissolution, custody and support, community property, adoptions and other matters affecting the rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities of members of the family. The executive committee consists of 15 attorney members from northern and southern California. The section is active in producing continuing legal education programs and in proposing, reviewing, and recommending legislation. The executive committee seeks members committed to family law, and those who enjoy hard work in a collegial atmosphere. Committee communications are conducted electronically, and each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet the requirements and make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions about requirements or how to become more involved in the section, please contact the staff or chair.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 4

*Meetings/year:* 6

*Chair:* Gregory Herring, Ventura (805) 659-6800

*Staff:* Susan Orloff (415) 538-2341

***Intellectual Property Section Executive Committee.***

This section's areas of interest encompass all aspects of intellectual property law, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, and computer law. The section sponsors seminars regarding intellectual property law issues and works on other projects related to intellectual property law. The section also publishes a newsletter, *New Matter*, approximately four times per year and meets in executive sessions four to five times per year. Those with a background in intellectual property and a willingness to join a hardworking section are encouraged to apply. Section participation (e.g., involvement in one of the Intellectual Property Section's standing committees, authoring an article for the *New Matter* publication, speaking at one of the section's MCLE programs,

etc.) is considered in the appointment review. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet the section's requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, please contact the staff or chair or visit the Web site ([calbar.ca.gov](http://calbar.ca.gov)).

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 5

*Meetings/year:* 5

*Chair:* Rebecca Edelson, Santa Monica  
(310) 255-9151 ([bededelson@agsk.com](mailto:bededelson@agsk.com))

*Staff:* Mitch Wood (415) 538-2594  
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***International Law Section Executive Committee.*** This executive committee communicates recent developments and current issues in international law to its section membership and facilitates interaction among its members and foreign lawyers. The section presents MCLE-accredited programs throughout the year, holds retreats, and publishes the International Law Newsletter, and The California International Practitioner. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet these requirements and make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, please contact the staff administrator or chair.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 6

*Meetings/year:* 5 + conference calls

*Chair:* Russell Kerr, Fountain Valley (714) 531-5900

*Staff:* Ed Bernard (415) 538-2242

***Labor and Employment Law Section Executive Committee.*** The section provides a forum for individuals with an interest in labor relations and employment issues. Section members include specialists and generalists from across the labor law spectrum individual practitioners, law firms, government agencies, labor unions, corporate representatives, and neutrals. Public members of the section include arbitrators, law students, paralegals, and others whose work requires that they have access to the latest information on labor and employment law. All section members are encouraged to participate on the standing committees, but only attorney members admitted in California are eligible to serve on the executive committee. The executive committee presents MCLE-accredited section programs throughout the year, including a two-day section annual

meeting, and it publishes four issues of the section newsletter. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet the requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions about section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, please contact the staff administrator or chair.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 7

*Meetings/year:* 4

*Chair:* Tonette Jaramilla, Los Angeles (310) 551-3020

*Staff:* Ed Bernard (415) 538-2242

***Law Practice Management and Technology Section Executive Committee.*** This section works to improve the quality of law practice through effective management techniques and technology. This includes administration, financial management, time management, marketing a law practice, systems and procedures, computers, data/word processing, and the Internet. The work of the section includes conducting MCLE seminars and programs on these topics, liaison with local bar associations and other law-related associations, publishing a bi-monthly newsletter, *The Bottom Line*, which includes a MCLE article and quiz free to members, substantial discounts at legal technology conferences and a Web site with an online networking service (JD Network). Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet these requirements and make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, please contact the staff administrator or chair.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 5-7

*Meetings/year:* 4 + conference calls

*Chair:* Edward Poll, Venice (310) 827-5415

*Staff:* Ed Bernard (415) 538-2242

***Litigation Section Executive Committee.*** The purpose of the Litigation Section is to promote excellence in all areas affecting dispute resolution, including protection of the rights of all litigants, pre-trial discovery, the expeditious trial of lawsuits, alternative dispute resolution, effective judicial administration, uniform rules of court, and the protection and preservation of the independence of a judiciary of high quality. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, etc. Section partici-



pation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet these requirements and make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding requirements or how to become more involved in the section, contact the staff administrator or chairperson.

*Expected 2004-2005 vacancies:* 4

*Meetings/year:* 9

*Chair:* William J. Caldarelli, San Diego (619) 238-4900

*Staff:* Tom Pye (415) 538-2042

***Public Law Section Executive Committee.*** The mission of the Public Law Section is to ensure that the laws relating to the function and operation of public agencies are clear, effective and serve the public interest; to advance public service through public law practice; and to enhance the effectiveness of public law practitioners. The section focuses on administrative law, municipal law, open meeting laws, political law, education law, state and federal legislation, public employment, government contracts, tort liability and regulations, land use/environment issues, and public lawyer ethics. The section provides topical educational programs, seminars and resource materials; works to enhance the recognition of, and participation by, public sector lawyers in the State Bar; presents its annual "Public Lawyer of the Year" award to public lawyers who have made significant and continuous contributions to the profession; and publishes the quarterly Public Law Journal. Committee communications are conducted electronically, and each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions about requirements or how to become more involved in the section, contact the staff administrator or chair.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 4-5

*Meetings/year:* 6

*Chair:* William Seligmann (831) 423-8383

*Staff:* Tom Pye (415) 538-2042

***Real Property Law Section Executive Committee.*** The executive committee creates and administers programs and activities for about 6000 section members, including the quarterly California Real Property Journal, an annual professional retreat, approximately 20 substantive and geographic subsections (e.g., finance, landlord/tenant, litigation, natural resources, zoning, development, law professions roundtable), pro bono opportunities, legislative initiatives, a Web site containing a wide range of resources, and periodic educational seminars. The executive committee is focused on providing services of value to its members and thereby expanding its membership of the diverse population of real property practi-

tioners in the state. The section seeks applicants with prior speaking, writing or organizational experience, preferably for the section or other volunteer groups in a related field. Written communications are conducted electronically. Each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive meeting notices and agendas, and to communicate with members. Attorneys from northern and southern Calif. who meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, please contact the staff administrator or chair.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 6

*Meetings/year:* 8 (in-person meetings)

*Chair:* Jean Bertrand, San Francisco (415) 901-8700

*Staff:* Pam Wilson (415) 538-2395

***Solo and Small Firm Section Executive Committee.***

This section provides a forum for solo and small firm practitioners, both specialists and those in general practice. The section presents educational programs and publishes a quarterly newsletter on technology and practice management for solo/small firm attorneys and on substantive law topics. The section publishes a Mentor Directory listing attorneys statewide who offer to section members free consultations in their listed areas of expertise. The section is compiling and will publish a list of hot topics of special concern to solo and small firm practitioners in the management of their practices. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet these requirements and make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, please contact the staff administrator or chair.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 7

*Meetings/year:* 6

*Chair:* Richard Kaplan, Beverly Hills (310) 557-0007

*Staff:* Mitch Wood (415) 538-2594

***Taxation Section Executive Committee.*** The executive committee has oversight responsibility for the activities of substantive law and special interest committees, including presentation of an annual educational program; programs at The Section Education Institute and the State Bar Annual Meeting, which presently includes the California Tax Policy Conference; coordination of annual meetings with state and federal tax officials in Sacramento and in Washington, D.C., and the Eagles Lodge West program; publication of a tax periodical; and overseeing the Tax Court Pro Se/Pro Bono Program at San Francisco Tax Court Calendars. Subcommittees

and projects include: corporate tax/corporate tax counsel; pass through entities; estate and gift tax; international tax; state and local tax; tax-exempt organizations; tax procedure and litigation; income/ other taxes, tax policy, practice and legislation; young tax lawyers; the California Tax Lawyer; education and public outreach. The committee seeks applications from active tax attorneys with demonstrated commitment to professional and public service from diverse geographic, ethnic and practice backgrounds and who can serve as role models for our membership. Applicants must have a **minimum of six years** experience with at least five years in tax. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding the requirements or how to become more involved in the section, please contact the section staff or chair.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies: 7*

*Meetings/year: 5* (four are multi-day meetings)

*Chair: J. Timothy Maximoff, San Jose (408)287-9501*

*Staff: Mitch Wood (415) 538-2594*

**Trusts and Estates Section Executive Committee.** The substantive issues of the Trusts and Estates Section include: incompetency (including conservatorship, guardianship and elder law); estate planning and tax; ethics and professional responsibility; legislation; litigation; trust and estate administration; and trusts. The executive committee consists of 17 attorney members from northern and southern California, is active in developing programs to serve both members of the Bar and the public in general, and produces the highly regarded California Trusts and Estates Quarterly. The committee has developed a series of brochures on the topics of wills, estate plans and trusts (in both English and Spanish); produced a video tape designed to prevent estate planning "scams" on senior citizens statewide; and developed a speakers bureau of California attorneys who are engaged in active outreach to senior and public service organizations throughout the state. The committee seeks hardworking attorneys with a significant number of years specializing in any area of estate planning, trust, and probate law. Other qualities sought include a demonstrated commitment to volunteer professional work (e.g., bar activities, speaking, writing, legal services, etc.) and the ability to work as a collegial committee member. Committee communications are conducted electronically and each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, etc. Section participation is a

factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet these requirements and can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding requirements or how to become more involved, please contact the section staff or chair.

*Expected 2004-2005 vacancies: 5*

*Approximate number of meetings per year: 9* (8 are six-hour Saturday meetings and 1 is a three-day, long-range planning meeting) plus participation in substantive committee work between meetings.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies: 7*

*Meetings/year: 9* (8 are Sat. meetings; 1 is a three-day, long-range planning meeting) plus participation in substantive committee work between meetings

*Chair: Barry Fitzpatrick, Rancho Santa Fe (858) 756-1158*

*Staff: Susan Orloff (415) 538-2341*

#### **Workers' Compensation Law Section Executive**

**Committee.** This section focuses on the practice of workers' compensation law and is comprised of workers' compensation specialists, practitioners from the applicant and defense bar, and workers' compensation judges. The section presents MCLE and Legal Specialization accredited programs throughout the year, publishes the Workers' Compensation Quarterly, and has five active committees on which members are encouraged to participate (Education, Internet, Membership, Legislation Practice and Ethics, and Publications). Membership in the section is open to public members, but only attorneys and judges may serve on the executive committee. Lawyers with background in workers' compensation and/or third party civil litigation are encouraged to apply. Certification as a specialist is not a prerequisite for applying to vacancies on the executive committee. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet the requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions about requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, contact the staff or chair.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies: 4*

*Meetings/year: 4-6*

*Chair: Steven Jimenez, Sacramento (916) 481-8775*

*Staff: Tricia Horan (415) 538-2223*

#### **Special Boards Commissions and Committees**

The purpose of these entities is to advise and serve the board with regard to an immediate concern relating to the administration of justice or the practice of law. These committees are given a specific, clearly articulated

charge, and a specific deadline for the completion of their task(s).

**California Commission on Access to Justice.** The 24-member commission of lawyers and judges, as well as academic, business, labor and community leaders, was established to explore ways to improve access to civil justice for Californians living on low and moderate incomes. The commission was instrumental in establishing the \$10 million Equal Access Fund for civil legal services to the indigent and works closely with the Judicial Council to improve access to the courts. Members also serve on one or more committees. The State Bar appoints ten members to the commission; the remaining 14 members are appointed by other statewide entities. The terms are two years; members may serve two consecutive terms. In 2005, four incumbents will be eligible for reappointment.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 2-6

*Meetings/year:* 6 (two by conference call; four in-person or video conference between SF and LA locations)

*2005 Chair:* Tony Richardson, LA (213) 680-8400

*Staff:* Mary Viviano (415) 538-2251

**Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB) Governing Committee.** This is a joint committee of the University of California and the State Bar of California. The committee reviews and approves CEB's annual publishing and educational program, strategic objectives, annual budget, and recommendations from the Director on the overall operation of CEB. The committee consists of nine voting members: four appointed by the State Bar and five appointed by the University of California Office of the President. The University appoints the chair; the State Bar appoints the vice chair who must be an attorney in active practice in California. The four State Bar members include the Executive Director of the State Bar, or the Executive Director's designee who must be an attorney, and two members who are attorneys actively practicing law in California and who represent the interests of the sections of the State Bar. Applicants must have been active in one of the State Bar sections, and/or have substantial familiarity with the issues of continuing legal education. Members serve renewable two-year terms. In 2005, the terms of two members expire, and the incumbents will be eligible for reappointment.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 2

*Meetings/year:* 4 (held at CEB office in Oakland)

*Vice Chair:* James Towery, San Jose (408) 287-9501

*CEB Office:* Pamela Jester, Director, Ste 410, 300 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 302-2032

**Client Security Fund Commission.** The Client Security Fund (CSF) reimburses clients who have lost money or property due to theft or an equivalent dishonest act committed by a California lawyer acting in a professional capacity. The Client Security Fund Commission, an

independent body that is appointed by and reports to the Board of Governors, oversees CSF. Composed of seven members, of which at least three must be public members who have never been members of the State Bar or admitted to practice before any court in the United States, the commission determines whether or not applications filed with CSF should be paid or denied. The commission also makes recommendations to the board on the rules administering the fund, the methods for reviewing and paying claims, and the financial and administrative needs of the fund. Public members are selected when their background and experience contribute to the CSF goals.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 3 (attorney and public member positions)

*Meetings/year:* 8

*Chair:* Joanne Guzman-Hays, West Covina

*Staff:* Martha Gonzales (213) 765-1144

**Legal Services Trust Fund Commission.** The Legal Services Trust Fund Commission administers the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts program and Equal Access Fund. The commission seeks attorneys and public members who are not admitted to practice law in any state with a commitment to the delivery of legal services to the poor, with sensitivity to the needs of low-income communities, and with knowledge of structure and practices of banking and financial institutions. Attorneys and members of the public with experience or familiarity addressing the particular problems of self-represented litigants are also welcomed. The commission is comprised of 21 voting members (15 attorneys and six public members who have never been members of the State Bar or admitted to practice before any court in the U.S.) and 3 nonvoting judges. At least two of the 21 voting members must be "indigent persons" as defined at §6213(d) of the B & P Code. The State Bar appoints 14 voting members (ten attorneys and four public members), and this application is only for the State Bar appointments. Other voting members and nonvoting judges are appointed by the Chair of the Judicial Council. No employee or independent contractor acting as a consultant to any agency, which is a potential recipient of funds under the Legal Services Trust Fund Program, shall be appointed to the commission, and all members are bound by the board's established rules governing conflicts of interest.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 7

*Approximate meetings/year:* 6

*Chair:* Michael Bierman, Los Angeles

*Legal Services Trust Fund Office Contact:* Judy Garlow (415) 538-2249

### **Legal Specialization**

**California Board of Legal Specialization.** This board administers the State Bar of California Program for

Certifying Legal Specialists with the assistance of specialty advisory commissions; provides policies and guidelines for certification of specialists; develops and maintains programs of testing and legal education for specialists; and advises the Board of Governors on establishment of specialty fields and appointment of advisory commissions. The board consists of 11 members and one advisor; at least three must be public members who have never been members of the State Bar or admitted to practice before any court in the United States. In addition, six of the eight advisory commission chairs serve as voting members on a rotating basis. Attorney applicants must be specialists in their field unless a specialty does not currently exist for that field (e.g., labor and employment law). Specialties exist for Appellate Law, Bankruptcy Law Criminal Law, Estate Planning and Trust Law, Family Law, Immigration and Nationality Law, Taxation, and Workers' Compensation Law. In selecting applicants, the BLS tries to achieve a balanced representation of geographic and specialty areas (based on the size of the specialty), and also looks for experience in areas in which the BLS has been focusing its efforts, such as education, exam development, public relations and new specialties. Public member applicants, who are not certified specialists, are selected when their experience will contribute to the BLS's goals for the program.

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 6 (attorney and public member positions)

*Meetings/year:* 6

*Chair:* Alice MacAllister, San Jose (408) 293-9223

*Staff:* Phyllis Culp; Lorna Maynard (415) 538-2115

**Advisory Law Commissions to the California Board of Legal Specialization (BLS).** There are eight advisory commissions that advise and assist the BLS in the administration of the certification program for each of the following specialties: Appellate Law; Bankruptcy Law; Criminal Law; Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law; Family Law; Immigration and Nationality Law; Taxation; and Workers' Compensation Law. Advisory commissions to the Board of Legal Specialization are composed of nine members, including at least one public member who has never been a member of the State Bar or admitted to practice before any court in the U.S. Meetings are typically held on Fridays once every other month, with locations alternating between a northern or southern California airport hotel.

**All lawyer members must be certified specialists.**

Each advisory commission passes upon applications for certification and recertification as a legal specialist; prepares specialist examinations; evaluates and accredits programs and providers of continuing legal education; and otherwise assists the Board of Legal Specialization in administering the program.

***Appellate Law Advisory Commission***

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 3

*Meetings/year:* 6

*Chair:* Susan Handelman, Redwood City (415) 364-8200

*Staff:* Ivonne Broussard (415) 538-2145

***Bankruptcy Law Advisory Commission***

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 3

*Meetings/year:* 6

*Chair:* Wesley Avery, Encino (818) 995-0215

*Staff:* Patricia Curd (415) 538-2125

***Criminal Law Advisory Commission***

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 3

*Meetings/year:* 6

*Chair:* Deborah Levine, Walnut Creek (925) 933-5100

*Staff:* Ivonne Broussard (415) 538-2145

***Estate Planning, Trust, and Probate Law Advisory Commission***

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 4

*Meetings/year:* 6

*Chair:* Douglas Bohne, Walnut Creek (925) 926-0300

*Staff:* Patricia Curd (415) 538-2125

***Family Law Advisory Commission***

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 4

*Meetings/year:* 6

*Chair:* Marc Tovstein, Irvine (949) 476-0571

*Staff:* Noah Chandler (415) 538-2136

***Immigration/ Nationality Law Advisory Commission***

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 4 (attorney + public member positions)

*Meetings/year:* 6

*Chair:* J. Antonio Nierras, Burlingame (415) 370-8679

*Staff:* Patricia Curd (415) 538-2125

***Taxation Law Advisory Commission***

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 6

*Meetings/year:* 6

*Chair:* William Norman, Los Angeles (310) 235-2445

*Staff:* Noah Chandler (415) 538-2136

***Workers' Compensation Law Advisory Commission***

*Expected 2005-2006 vacancies:* 3

*Meetings/year:* 6

*Chair:* Phillip Alpert, San Diego (619) 239-8181

*Staff:* Ivonne Broussard (415) 538-2145

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